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FROM THE SECRETARY TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, UNGA

SUBJECT: SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE SSOD IN ITS
CLOSING DAYS AND I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE PROBLEMS YOU WILL
BE FACING AS WE TRY TO REACH USG AGREEMENT ON THE
FLURRY OF LANGUAGE CHANGES THAT WILL SURFACE IN THE
CLOSING DAYS OF THE SESSION. TO FACILITATE OUR EFFORTS
TO SUPPORT YOU, I SUGGEST YOU PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

-- RATHER THAN FEEDING US BITS AND PIECES OF PROPOSALS
AS VARIOUS DELEGATIONS COME UP WITH THEM, I SUGGEST
YOU SHOULD WORK FOR AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON THE TEXT
AS A WHOLE, OR MAJOR PORTIONS THEREOF.

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-- PERHAPS THE BEST WAY OF ARRIVING AT A TEXT WILL BE
TO ASSEMBLE A SMALL AD HOC WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE
OF MAJOR TREND IN THE SSOD. I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT
IN WASHINGTON WE WILL GIVE URGENT ATTENTION TO THAT
AD REFERENDUM TEXT ONCE RECEIVED. YOU HAVE A STRONG
DELEGATION AND ALL OF US HERE WILL RESPECT THEIR
JUDGMENT IN ARRIVING AT OUR FINAL POSITION.

-- THROUGHOUT, I KNOW THAT YOU WILL KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES AND WORK IN TANDEM WITH THEM. I ALSO HOPE THAT YOUR STAFF WILL KEEP IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN ORDER TO GET INFORMAL GUIDANCE AS YOUR NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED.

2. I FULLY AGREE WITH YOU THAT WE HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN AN OUTCOME WHICH DEMONSTRATES BROAD UNITY ON THE PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IN ARMS CONTROL OBJECTIVES AND WHICH CAN HELP TO RALLY FURTHER THE DOMESTIC CONSTITUENCY FOR ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT. FOR THIS REASON, WE ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF CONSENSUS AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT GIVE AND TAKE WILL BE NECESSARY ON EVERYONE'S PART IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THAT CONSENSUS. OBVIOUSLY CRITICAL ISSUES FOR US ARE NON-PROLIFERATION AND OUR SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR ALLIES. I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT WITH SOME LUCK AND SKILLFUL MANAGEMENT WE CAN ADVANCE OUR INTERESTS IN BOTH THESE AREAS AND ACHIEVE THE ADDITIONAL OBJECTIVES YOU CITE IN YOUR CABLE. VANCE

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